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FOREIGN MINISTER MANZOOR QADIR OF PAKISTAN WAS SEEN ON THE TV
COPYRIGHT SCREENS HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY A PANEL OF COLLEGE STUDENTS.

QUESTION: "Mr. Qadir, I was wondering, what was the reaction within Pakistan to the U-2 spy plane incident as it has developed?"

QADIR: "In what way--do you mean, did the people feel nervous on account of the Russian threats, or--"

QUESTION: "Has there developed a feeling--yes sir--within the country of fear of retaliation, or has it been another feeling?"

QADIR: "There has been this, that the Russian threats--they have directly threatened us--and they have directly said that any plane from where any such take-off or making future take-offs, would be annihilated. There is the feeling that Pakistan is exposed to greater risks, but there is no consternation or anything of that kind in Pakistan on that account."

QUESTION: "Well, sir, do you think that this spy plane incident has decreased the prestige of the United States in Pakistan?"

QADIR: "May I first say something about this incident? This U-2 incident, in the way Prime Minister Khrushchev has used it, has had many serious repercussions, and is likely to have more. Curiosity about it is quite natural and perfectly understandable. But the wisdom of keeping it alive for the benefit of Mr. Khrushchev, in satisfying that curiosity, is open to question. Nevertheless I'll answer your questions--I just wanted to make this observation, that perhaps your many questions about the U-2, it's only something which is useful for those who wish to make further use of this incident. However, would you repeat your question?"

QUESTION: "My question was has the incident itself, and the way it was handled, decreased the prestige of the United States in Pakistan or in any of the other Southeastern Asian countries?"

QADIR: "It certainly has not increased it."

QUESTION: "The New York Times review and the Newsweek (had on their maps?) as Pakistan being an American base. Is this information correct?"

QADIR: "No. May I say this about Pakistan and (Pashar?) we have given certain facilities to our allies, to friendly governments. The United States government asked for certain facilities for what they described as weather reconnaissance flights. Those facilities were given. The planes that took off from many of the airfields of Pakistan did not take off for any destination in, or across, or in the direction of Soviet Russia. But since the allegation that the particular plane that has been brought down in Soviet Russia, took off from